





## To-day's Advertisements.

### NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with ORDINANCE No. 6 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,  
T. E. SANSOM,  
Manager.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,  
G. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED,  
J. THURBURN,  
Manager.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
J. G. F. AUGUSTIN,  
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,  
E. L. HUNTER,  
Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, CHINA,  
CHOI,  
Agent.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,  
E. W. RUTTER,  
Manager.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [152]

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS will FIRE from 7-pounder R.M.L. and MACHINE GUNS from SANDY BAY in a South-Westerly direction, on MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1899, from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.

All ship junks and other vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the range.

By Command.

T. SERCOMBE SMITH,  
Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1519]

THEATRE ROYAL.  
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will produce a Pantomime entitled, "THE YELLOW DWARF,"

or "HARLEQUIN THE KNAVE OF HEARTS,"

and the "FAIR PRINCESS."

On the following dates:—  
THURSDAY, 5th January, 1899.  
SATURDAY, 7th " "  
MONDAY, 9th " "  
WEDNESDAY, 11th " "  
SATURDAY, 14th " "

The TICKET OFFICE at the Theatre will be OPENED on THURSDAY, the 22nd Dec., at 10 A.M. and Seats can be booked from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. every day. SUNDAYS and GENERAL HOLIDAYS excepted.

DOORS OPEN EACH EVENING, at 8 P.M. PERFORMANCE at 8.30 PRECISELY.

Stalls and Dress Circle ..... \$3  
Pit ..... 1

Half Price to Soldiers and Sailors in uniform to the Pit.

Late Trains to the Peak a quarter of an hour after fall of the curtain.

E. W. MITCHELL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1490]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA  
The Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG,"  
Captain Frumpton, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1521]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.  
The Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"  
Captain Hall, will be despatched for the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1520]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR  
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,  
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN,  
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"PARRAMATTA,"  
Captain C. F. Preston, R.N.R. carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 24th January, 1899, at Noon taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valerines, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo, into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1522]

## Intimation.

### A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

#### WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

### SCOTCH WHISKY.

A.—THORNE'S BLEND, White Capsule ..... \$10.80

B.—WATSON'S GLENORCHY MELLOW BLEND, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark ..... 10.80

C.—WATSON'S ABELOUR GLENLIVET, Red Capsule, with name and Trade Mark ..... 12.00

D.—WATSON'S H.K.D. BLEND OF THE FINEST SCOTCH MALT WHISKIES, Violet Capsule ..... 14.40

E.—WATSON'S VERY OLD LIQUEUR SCOTCH WHISKY, Gold Capsule ..... 15.00

THORNE'S BLEND and WATSON'S GLENORCHY are high class Soda Whiskies, of greater age than most brands in the market.

ABELOUR GLENLIVET is a very old Peat Whisky (smoky) and could not now be replaced in stock at the price.

D is well known for its fine flavour.

E is of superb quality and pronounced by leading local connoisseurs to be the best brand in the Hongkong market.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,  
WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED 1841.

BIRTH.

At No. 34, Szechuen Road, Shanghai, on the 19th December, 1898, the wife of M. A. SOPHER, of a son.

DEATH.

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THE Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersole Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Wan Tsing Kai, ..... \$5

THE Post Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th inst., and on Monday, the 2nd January, except from 8 to 9 a.m. Letters for Hongkong, Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

THE sum of two hundred guineas was bid recently for the "sky-coloured vest" worn by King Charles the First on the scaffold. It is not an exorbitant price for a relic at once authentic and ghastly. Nothing is lacking that might make a good Jacobite's flesh creep. The stain of blood have been religiously preserved by a succession of Royalist owners; and it has been pointed out that of the thirteen button-holes only twelve had been fastened. The top button had been removed, so that the illustrious victim might more easily bare his neck to the executioner.

MESSRS. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts in their *Weekly Share Report* state:—Banks—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have declined slightly and shares have changed hands at 247 and 248 per cent. premium, the market closing steadily at the latter rate. The London quotation has further advanced to £54. Nationals remain quiet with shares offering at \$17½. Marine Insurances.—A few China Traders have been placed at \$62. Unions are in the market at \$30. Straits are offering at \$7. Fire Insurances.—With the exception of a small sale of China Fires at \$88, there are no changes to report in stocks under this heading. Shipping.—Douglas Steamships have been placed at \$52. Indo-Chinas have been bought at \$60 and \$61, and close with sellers at the last quotation. A fair number of Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been done at \$20½. China and Manilas have again changed hands at \$95. Star Ferries have been sold at \$50 and \$51. Refineries—China Sugars have improved and sales have taken place at \$169, \$169½ and \$170, closing in demand at the latter rate. Luzons remain neglected. Mining.—Punjoms are easier with sellers at \$64. Raubs have been in strong demand, and shares have changed hands at \$39½ and are now wanted at \$41½ ex dividend. Olivers B have been booked at \$54. Great Eastern and Caledonians have been placed at \$7.80 and \$8, closing with sellers at \$7. One Mines have been negotiated at 70 and 75 cents. Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks advanced considerably, and sales have been effected at various rates up to 200 per cent. premium, but at the close the market is easier with sellers at 289 per cent. premium. Kowloon Wharf shares are in demand at \$75. New Amoy Docks have again been done at \$144 and are wanted at the rate. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Sales of Hongkong Lands have taken place at \$75. Hongkong Hotels have been placed to a fairly large extent at \$68 and are now wanted at \$69. China Providents have been sold in large parcels at \$10½. Humphreys Estate have changed hands at \$8.65 and \$8½. Cotton Mills.—No business to report. Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements remain firm at quotations. A. S. Watsons are easier with sellers at \$13½. Electrics have been done at \$10½. Fenwicks are in demand at \$31 but no sales are reported.

These are our earnest prayers and we hope that Your Excellency will graciously condescend to accept our address.

All the naval and military officers as well as the more prominent of the civilians, both foreign and Chinese, present then raised three hearty cheers with the proverbial "tiger" for the General and his wife, the band struck up "Auld Lang Syne" and after hearty handshakes had been exchanged the General and Mrs. Black stepped aboard the launch which was in readiness to convey him to the P. and O. steamer *Coromandel*.

Amongst those present were Sir John Carrington, M.G., Chief Justice, Lieut. Col. the Governor, the Hon. T. Sercombe Smith, Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and the leading Naval and Military officers of the Colony.

THE OTTERS AND SEALS IN THE KURILES.

The *Osaka Asahi* states that the foreign poaching seals which at one time visited the Kuriles have disappeared since Lieutenant Gunji settled on Shimushu Island with his party, but the Japanese fishing smacks which visit the waters of the Kuriles perpetually fire upon the otters and seals. Lieutenant Gunji thinks that unless the Government takes protective action, the otters and seals will disappear in the course of a few years, and he has memorialized the Home Minister on the matter.

THE VANTINE CASE.

An instance of misplaced confidence is reported in detail by the *Kobe Shimbun*. The facts are said to be these:—Messrs. Vantine and Company established a branch of their business in Nagoya, employing a Japanese named Funamoto to conduct the affairs of the branch in his own name, since Nagoya being outside treaty limits, it is not a place where foreigners may lawfully engage in commerce. Funamoto proved unequal to the trust. He advanced twenty thousand yen, unwisely it would seem, to Japanese merchants, and he squandered an equal sum on his own amusements. When called to account by Messrs. Vantine and Company, he displayed at first a disposition to deny their right of interference, since the business was conducted, and the immovable property registered, in his name, not in theirs. Ultimately, however, he agreed to have brought him a new frame of mind, and he has memorialized the Home Minister on the matter.

MAJOR GENERAL BLACK'S DEPARTURE.

There was a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen at Murray Pier to-day also many naval and military officers as well as a very well turned out guard of honour with drums & gongs and a brass band to bid farewell to Major-General and Mrs. Black. The General and Mrs. Black have endeared themselves to the people of Hongkong by their many good qualities of heart and hospitality. It is with deep regret that we part with one who has so endeared himself to the community by his fine soldierly qualities and his generous hospitality.

An address was presented to the Major-General by the Chinese community together with two magnificent specimens of native embroidery through the Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, who made a short speech in making the presentation, which was briefly responded to by the recipient.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai said:—Sir, I have the honour on behalf of the Chinese Community of Hongkong to present to you an address which I hope you will kindly accept. The address, drafted in Chinese by the Chinese themselves and afterwards translated into English, is the spontaneous outcome of an intense feeling of respect and admiration for Your Excellency on their part, and supports in a marked manner what I stated in Council the other day that the Chinese fully appreciated your able and wise administration of the government and that the only regret they have is that it was all too short. This presentation will I believe form an interesting event in the history of this Colony and show that our Chinese fellow-citizens can and do appreciate a vigorous, just, and benign Government. During the ten months that have just passed away you administered the Government with great energy, kindness, and wisdom, and that administration, short though it be, has given rise to universal satisfaction and admiration among all classes of this mixed Community. To express their admiration and gratitude therefore the Chinese residents have requested me to present this address for your kind acceptance, and in addition to present two pieces of Chinese embroidery for the gracious acceptance of Mrs. Black. The embroidery has no great intrinsic value but simply serves as a token of respect and esteem on the part of the Chinese for a lady who has by her kindness and gentleness attracted so much affection and admiration to herself. I will now call upon Mr. Fung Wah Chun, one of the ablest and most public spirited among the leading Chinese to read the address in English.

The following was the address:—

The respectful address of the Chinese community of Hongkong, presented to His Excellency, Major-General Wilson Black, C.B., in grateful recognition of his able Administration.

Your Excellency,

When on the 25th day of last November, Your Excellency vacated the office of Acting

Governor of Hongkong you had held the post for barely ten months, but even in that short time measures have been taken entitled to their importance and their merit to be placed on permanent record.

In the supervision of the various branches of the Government, in the promotion of the people's welfare, in the advancement of trade and commerce and in the encouragement of local industries Your Excellency's diligence and tact have been conspicuous and no words of ours can adequately express our admiration and our gratitude for the tranquil prosperity which we thereby obtained during your administration.

The impartial consideration extended by you to all classes has been particularly marked in the case of the Chinese and more especially during the recent epidemic. This you met with calmness and judgment, and the measures which you took with the approbation of the whole community, were under the blessing of Heaven finally successful and the means of saving countless lives. Had it not been for Your Excellency's sympathy and energy such good results could not have been obtained, and that is why up to this day your praises have not ceased to be sung.

Your Excellency has been too broad-minded to affect to despise public opinion, and you have always been ready to consult it when you were desirous of effecting improvements in the administration or in the condition of the people.

Without fear of adverse criticism Your Excellency might have confined yourself to the routine work of Government, but you were not content to rest satisfied as long as improvement was possible.

The perpetual preservation of the historical spot known as the Watch Tower of the King of Sung will recall to the mind of future visitors that wherever Your Excellency's sway has extended you have left some mark of your benevolence.

We respectfully present this address to Your Excellency in token of our gratitude and admiration. We trust that all good fortune may attend you in the future, and that in the enjoyment of every blessing that heart can wish and with increased honours you may attain a happy old age.

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## WARRANT OFFICERS' SMOKER.

The members of the Naval W. O.'s Club gave a "smoker" to their numerous naval and civilian friends at their club premises last night. The entrance hall and rooms were tastefully decorated with flags and flowers and in honour of the season plenty of evergreens and holly. It being a smoking concert no ladies were present so that the Warrant Officers did not have opportunity of showing their world-renowned gallantry towards the fair sex under the mistletoe bough. Most conspicuous among the decorations were the two flags emblematic of the Anglo-American Alliance. As usual in these naval gatherings the Commissioned officers were present and greatly assisted in the harmony and enjoyment of the evening, clearly demonstrating to the world at large that in the British navy all ranks are working shoulder to shoulder to keep up their reputation for hospitality to friends and chivalrous hostility to foes. Many American officers were also present and thoroughly appreciated the true, hearty feelings that permeated the whole proceedings. The programme was well long and good and mostly taken from the company present. Mr. Caesar of the Royal Engineer Department set the ball rolling by singing "I fear no foe in Shining Armour" and during the evening was again called upon to oblige which he most graciously did, sometimes with song and sometimes with instrumental selections. Mr. Curran who has just arrived by the *Edgar*, gave in fine *Coster* style "E as my sympathy" unfortunately this new acquisition to the colony was suffering from slight indisposition and was therefore unable to come forward again. Messrs. Williams and Ward also appeared very often during the evening, as after their first song the audience were like Oliver Twist, they wanted some more, and these two indefatigable singers always came up smiling to oblige. Mr. Turner, also a new-comer we believe, is a most versatile performer, giving fine renderings, of bass in "Be Brave be True" operatic in "The Sentinel" from Sullivan's "Iolanthe" and comic in a new version of "We won't go home till morning" Mr. Alexander, boatswain of the *Narcissus*, a splendid comic, was entertained again and again and obliged with "That's what you feel all the time" and "That's dealing with the multiplication of progeny, he informed the young single men that their education on the point concerned had been sadly neglected. Mr. Alexander also made great hits in the songs called "Off goes your head" and "The night I played Richard III." Mr. Bracey, the Chief Boatswain of the *Victorious*, is a baritone singer of whom we should like to hear often as he puts his whole heart and soul into his song and fairly carries the audience away with him, he also has the gift of knowing what songs suit his singing, and as he has a quick ear for music has only to hear a song once and he is able to sing it. His songs were "The streak of silver sea," "A Franco-Prussian War-song" and "Mona." Amongst the other singers were Commander Henderson, Messrs. Skinner, Wingent, Muscull and Lieut. Thorpe, the last named gentleman giving the good old sea song the chorus of which starts "We'll rant and we'll roar like true British sailors" and ends with "heave and bustle and was enthusiastically taken up by all present. Mr. Banyard in proposing the health of the visitors said that every sailor required the presence of the commissioned ranks to give a finish to whatever form of enjoyment they were having and so it gave the Warrant officers very great pleasure in seeing so



literary, and the country are all alive with interest. Their surprise and distrust of the new regime are quite natural under the circumstances. Yet the ferment of the last four years ought to have made clear the coming changes. Will the *Hongkong* of China rise to the occasion and save the Empire? Or are they really rotten wood which cannot be carved?

\* It will be seen at once that this article was written before news of the recent coup d'état had reached the writer.—E.D.—N.C.D. News.

### TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT HANGCHOW.

SHANGHAI, December 20th.

The explosion in Hangchow, of which we made brief mention in our last issue, was far more serious than was at first reported. To-day we have gleaned particulars from various sources, foreign and Chinese, which show that the explosion was of almost unparalleled destructiveness to life and property, its effects being even more disastrous than those of the great dynamite explosion at Santander, in Spain, three years ago. The explosion occurred in what is known locally as the "Hu Ya-jo," a large powder magazine, consisting of several detached buildings, surrounded by a military encampment in the south-eastern corner of the city, near the *Po-tai-men*. In this encampment were supposed to be three regiments of troops, and of course a large number of natives. The district is, or rather was, densely populated with poor people, mostly petty shop-keepers and men employed in the powder works and around the camp. The district is situated from 12 to 15 ft. from the new Settlement, but less than half that distance from the Foreign Missions. At between 7 and 8 o'clock on Friday night a terrific explosion being felt with the effect of an earthquake in the missions, while even as far as the Custom House it shook the ground and caused many people to think that the last day had dawned. The first explosion was followed by another in quick succession, and of great violence, and the whole city was thrown into a state of terrible commotion. A scene of the most indescribable character was witnessed by those who had courage to run to the scene of the explosion. Houses, temples, shops, booths were levelled to the ground, dead bodies by hundreds, blackened and burnt limbs, and scraps of clothing, were heaped together in inextricable confusion, while the air was darkened by sulphurous smoke, which enveloped the city in a pall. The military camp had completely disappeared, hundreds of houses within a radius of a mile were blown to bits, and the powder in the magazine was scattered out over the ground, the streets were filled with an awestruck, gibbering throng, with here and there some persons sitting, maimed and blackened, praying for aid and screaming in agony. The first estimate was that from five to seven hundred houses and some 1,500 lives had been destroyed, but it would now seem that these figures, terrible as they are, are far short of the mark. It seems safe to assert that no one will ever be able to correctly ascertain the full measure of the wreckage, and the number of causes which brought it about. Every man in the camp and around the magazine has been blown to pieces, including the General Ju Kwei. The effects of the explosion are said to have been felt in an earth tremor as far as Shanghai, 40 miles off, while the boats in the Grand Canal, 5 miles off, were rocked as by a tidal wave. The hospital of the Sisters of Charity, some two and a half miles away, was uninjured, except that the windows were blown in and the furniture shifted, but the church alongside was badly damaged, windows blown in and plaster knocked down, while the orphanage was so shaken that it was found necessary to send the orphans to other places for safety. The premises of the Southern Presbyterian Mission, two miles distant, suffered far more, while Dr. Main's hospital escaped somewhat better. Fortunately no foreigners were killed, though a couple of inmates of the Missions received nasty cuts from flying glass and falling plaster. The following letter has been kindly placed at our disposal:

Hangchow, 17th December.

A great accident occurred here last night, just after dark, the powder magazine exploded. They were two miles and more from us, but less than half a mile from "Tian-sung-yao," so the ruin is worst, as regards foreigners, for the Southern Presbyterian brethren. Their church and girls' school are in ruins, and Mr. Hudson's house will have to be rebuilt from the ground. Not a life was lost in their compound, though how all escaped (80, including school children) in made than we can explain save through God's mercy. A few were slightly injured, Mrs. — and Miss — both being struck on the head by plaster or window-glass. Some Chinese must have perished in the immediate vicinity of the explosion, but no particulars can yet be gained. Houses in a radius of a mile were more or less damaged, the tiles falling through; but very few seem to have been seriously injured. The foreign houses and higher Chinese houses in our vicinity are all right except for broken window-glass and frames. Our children were each sleeping in front of windows, but those windows were almost intact. Our windows crashed to the ground in the rooms.

The people are like bees in the hive, unable to understand the situation. Many think Dr. Main shot a cannon from Pao-shi-tah, just outside the city (2). Even the mandarin came to the hospital to inquire why he had fired the cannon into the city! Even his buildings on the Pao-shi-tah hill were shaken, and many windows shattered. We anticipate no trouble from the people, as I think they realize that where foreign property has suffered so, the foreigners are not to blame.

Rev. Arthur Edwin of the Church Missionary Society here kindly writes to us:—Yesterday I received three letters from Hangchow with reference to the terrible calamity that has befallen the city. It seems that the gun-powder stored at the camp inside the city at the Northern end exploded about 6.30 on Friday evening, of course, it will never be known what caused the explosion. A guard of about 20 soldiers in the camp at the time have entirely disappeared. The force of the explosion was terrific, the estimated number of lives lost varying from 1,500 to 3,000 but, of course, the actual loss will never be known. I know the camp well. I have often passed it. About half-a-mile off was the Southern Presbyterian Mission compound, containing 4 dwelling houses, girls' school, and church. This compound is a perfect wreck. Half of the Church roof was taken completely off. The side wall of the girls' school was blown in. The ceilings nearly all fell and the walls are cracked in all directions. One or two of the houses will have to be rebuilt from the foundations. Including children about eighty persons were on the premises, but only eight were injured, none seriously. Two foreign ladies were cut with broken glass. Dr. Main writes: "If our house five windows were blown right out, smashed to atoms and the ceilings in four rooms fell and all the walls are cracked." This it must be remembered is a house quite two miles off. All the foreign-built houses in the city seem to have suffered in a similar way. Even in the Foreign Concession, three or four miles away, very many panes of glass were broken. Of course the

house have suffered terribly and many streets are in ruins. You ask about Dr. Main's Hospital, I am thankful to say that, apart from broken windows, this does not seem to have suffered much. The Hospital is well built and quite two miles from the scene of the explosion.—China Gazette.

### THE FRENCH CLAIMS IN THE NORTH.

We are given to understand from a credible quarter that the Quai D'Orsay has telegraphed to Count de Beauregard, the French Consul-General, whose gyrations in front of Nanking on the cruiser *Recluse* have been the subject of so much amusement for the past few weeks, that if he fails to obtain a satisfactory settlement there, he is monstrous claims of compensation for the wholesale massacre of unarmed Chinese on July 17th, he is to return to Shanghai and proceed with his programme of clearing out the Ningpo Joss-house and Cemetery without further reference to the Chinese officials. This alleged telegram may well be another trick in the brain game of "Bluff" which our lively French neighbours are playing. But if it is not, and the French Consul-General proceeds to act upon such ill-advised instructions, foreign and indeed Chinese, interests in Shanghai may be very seriously imbricated, and there is no knowing what the consequences of any further rash and wrongful measures by the French authorities may lead to. We are further informed that Count de Beauregard is instructed by his Government to ignore the undertaking given by his predecessor, M. Lemaire to the former Shanghai Taotai *re the Ningpo Joss-House*, but is to insist upon his programme for sweeping away the Cemetery, as arranged in July before the existence of the fatal undertakings of his Government with the Chinese on that subject was used there is a pretty prospect for the rest of Shanghai. Knowing they are right, the Chinese authorities and people will be bound to resist the French officials who will certainly be supported by their men-of-war. Riots of a far more formidable character than before will most certainly follow, and the Chinese knowing that they have the approval of all other right-minded foreigners, will be encouraged to a strenuous resistance. It will, in event of such serious local troubles as such an *impasse* would present, behoove those responsible for life and order in the Settlement to take precautionary measures to prevent any hasty or ill-considered action on this side, and entailing disorder or violence on the other, and seeing the vasty preponderating British, German and American commercial interests on the other side of the Yangtze-pang, it would be necessary for the Powers concerned to protect these interests. It would be truly a terrible business should any such untimely and ill-considered action be taken, and indeed in July last week to the north indulged in, as on that occasion, towards the south, and if these such ill-directed to be the bullets, such ill-directed here bullets. In such case the authorities here would certainly be called upon to discharge a very unpleasant duty, but what would never be a duty, however, undesirable its consequences. We trust for the interests of all concerned that the French Government will not adopt such a rash course as is suggested in the alleged instructions to Count de Beauregard and that in any case, the latter gentleman who has everyone's respect for his individual honesty and straightforwardness of character, though he has been made a tool by designing and foolish advisers, will not bring about such a catastrophe as would inevitably follow any further attempt to ride rough-shod over everything that seems to hold in check French impetuosity.—China Gazette.

### THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT AT HIRATSUKA.

The collision between trains at the Hiratsuka Station on the Tokaido railway on the night of the 8th inst., says the *Kobe Chronicle*, seems more serious than at first appeared. It seems from the further particulars published in the vernacular papers, that while the 8.30 p.m. goods up train from Yamaguchi was shunting two waggons at the Hiratsuka Station, the 9.45 p.m. passenger up train from Kodzu arrived and the engines of the two trains came into collision, both being seriously damaged. The driver and two stokers of the goods train received serious injuries, one of the latter dying in the course of the night. Traffic was suspended for a time but break down gangs from Shinbashi and Yokohama succeeded in removing the damaged engines and clearing the track in the course of the night. Who is responsible for the accident is not yet known. It had been arranged, it is said, that the Kodzu train should not arrive at Hiratsuka until after the goods train had left, but whether the signalman or the engine-driver made a blunder has not yet been ascertained.

### GEN. WHITTIER ON THE PHILIPPINES.

WASHINGTON, November 11th.

Bri. Gen. C. A. Whittier, Collector of Customs of Manila, on Sept. 19 last forwarded a report of his observations in the Philippines. He says the resources of the islands are valuable, the currency problem needs immediate solution, the Spaniards sold a monopoly of that the opium trade that the head tax is burdensome to the poor and that "advocates of the 'single tax' might make strong case in these islands." Further:

"We pay a house servant, who works most faithfully, \$10 a month, including \$4.70 of our money, he furnishing his own food. The husband of our own maid, who is temperate, to the detriment of the mercantile here."

"Of our people, consider that all of the customs here are really different from those of the United States; you cannot expect the habits and traditions of two centuries in two weeks. The Oriental will for a long time yet prefer rice and opium to the land and sea produce."

Gen. Whittier says the question of the admission of the Chinese to the islands is of great importance. After suggesting the great value of the Philippines, he ingeniously adds: "I desire no place here except upon the ship to return to America."—N.Y. World.

### THE PRISON AT KOBE.

On the authority of an official, the *Osaka Mainichi* states that the number of prisoners in the Kobe prison (on the Minatogawa bank) on the 8th inst. was 1,398, including 35 males and 15 females waiting trial. In the branch prison at Hyogo 242 persons were detained. Compared with the preceding month, there was a decrease of 341 in the Kobe prison and of 46 at Hyogo. The decrease in the number of prisoners is believed to be due to the acceleration in the procedure of trials which has occurred of late and also to the improvement in the condition of local trade. Referring to the preparation for the operation of the new trial, the *Osaka Journal* is informed that the prefectural prison has made its arrangements in addition to those on the part of the Home Department. Investigations are being made at Kobe as regards the treatment of foreign prisoners. An interpreter has been recently engaged and the prison officials are also studying the English language. It is necessary also that a part of the prison should be reconstructed and plans are now being considered with a view to the work being started at an early date.

### NOTES AND CALENDAR.

CALENDAR.  
DECEMBER.  
Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1897.

Barometer.....	29.818
Thermometer.....	80.1
Humidity.....	77
Rainfall.....	8.58

20-DAY.  
WEATHER REPORT.  
On date at 4 p.m.

Barometer.....	30.29	30.18
Thermometer.....	60	64
Humidity.....	56	44
Rainfall.....	—	—

TO-DAY.  
Saturday, 24th December, 1898.  
Chinese—12th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.

High water—Morning..... 7hr. 37min.  
Afternoon..... 7hr. 30min.  
Low water—Morning..... 1hr. 18min.  
Afternoon..... 1hr. 9min.

ANNIVERSARIES.  
1814—Peace with America signed.  
1843—First sermon preached by the Colonial Chaplain in Hongkong.  
1848—Attempt to set fire to the Central Market, Hongkong.  
1857—Commencement Yeh given 48 hours to accede to the demands of the Allies.  
1895—The Sack of Peking.  
1897—Sack of Mr. Kloth, Manager of the Club Concordia at Shanghai.

TO-MORROW.  
Sunday, 25th December, 1898.  
Chinese—13th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.

High water—Morning..... 7hr. 30min.  
Afternoon..... 7hr. 6min.  
Low water—Morning..... 2hr. 2min.  
Afternoon..... 2hr. 0min.

ANNIVERSARIES.  
1860—Inauguration of the new organ at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.  
1878—Great Fire in Hongkong; 368 houses destroyed, immense destruction of property.  
1881—Steamer *Burby* burned at Wansung.  
1890—The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Shanghai* burned while on the voyage from Chinkiang to Hankow; between two and three hundred Chinese lives lost.

Monday, 26th December, 1898.  
Chinese—14th of 11th moon of 24th year of Kwang-shi.

High water—Morning..... 7hr. 30min.  
Afternoon..... 7hr. 3min.  
Low water—Morning..... 2hr. 3min.  
Afternoon..... 2hr. 4min.

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THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.  
Under the distinguished Patronage of Vice-Admiral Sir EDWARD HOBART SEYMOUR, K.C.B., R.N.  
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The whole Concluding with the Realistic Tableau:  
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(2) BATTLE SCENE.  
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Soldiers and Soldiers in Uniform, Half-Price to P.O. only.  
The Proceeds of the Entertainment will be given to Naval Charities.  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [1511]

### Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.  
No. 565.  
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By Command, T. SERCOMBE SMITH, Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st December, 1898. [1509]  
Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1898, at 3 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Containing in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upper Price.
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THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.  
NOTICE is hereby given that under the powers conferred by the SPECIAL RESOLUTION passed and confirmed on the 5th and 25th days of June, 1897 the Under-signed General Managers did, on the 20th day of November, 1898 make a call of the price of \$5 per SHARE on account of the price of the New Shares issued in pursuance of such RESOLUTION and a FINAL CALL of \$5 on account of the PREMIUM for each such share and that such CALLS are PAYABLE at the Offices of the General Managers, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on the 1st January, 1899.

Upon payment of such calls and production of the certificates for the shares in respect of which the same are paid, fully paid up Certificates will be issued in exchange for provisional scrips.

Dated the 1st December, 1898.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.

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Hongkong, 16th November, 1898. [1478]

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### Shipping.

#### STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.  
THE Company's Steamship

"HAIMUN,"  
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Daylight.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 24th December, 1898. [1518]

FOR LONDON VIA MANILA AND SUEZ CANAL.  
THE Steamship

"BELGIC,"  
Captain Rinder, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon.  
This well-known steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
For Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1898. [1468]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR KOBE (DIRECT).  
THE Steamship

"NENMUIR,"  
Captain Schaw, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.  
This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., the voyage.  
This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric-light.  
A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898. [1516]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).  
THE Company's Steamship

"TAI LEE,"  
Captain H. Kock, will be despatched for the above Port, on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at 5 P.M.  
This Steamer has Accommodation for Passengers.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1898. [1517]



## Intimations.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



## PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATION.	SAILING DATES.
MIKE MARU	BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 27th Dec., at Noon.
RIOJUN MARU	SEATTLE, (WASH., U.S.A.) VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.	FRIDAY, 30th Dec., at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 30th December, at 4 P.M.
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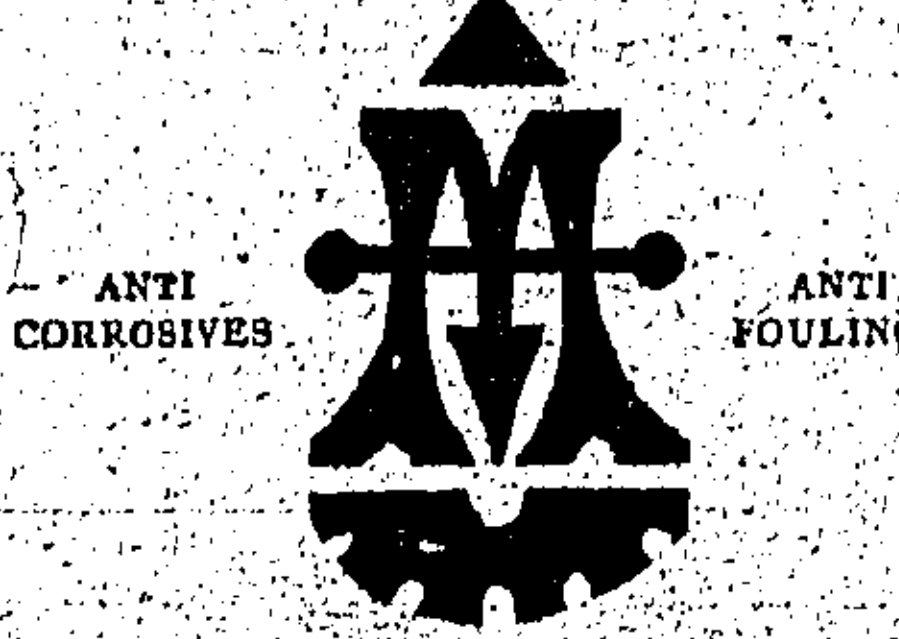
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